

May 8

## GOOD RECEIPTS OVER WEEK-END

**FLEET LANDED 165,000 POUNDS  
HERE—MACKEREL FARE  
GOES TO HUB.**

The total fish receipts over the week-end amounted to 165,000 pounds of haddock, cod and flounders, besides a fare of 12,000 pounds of fresh mackerel brought in by the seiner Nova Julia, which was taken to the Boston market last night. Saturday's summary showed that 14 gill netters had 49,300 pounds, six trawlers had 9200 pounds.

Since yesterday morning, 13 gill netters have reported with 44,800 pounds, 22 trawlers with 49,100 and three draggers with 12,500 pounds, of which the Gov. Al Smith had 5000 pounds of cod which she brought down from Boston for the Pew branch of Gorton-Pew for splitting.

Arrivals of mackerel seiners from the south engaged the chief interest along the waterfront when fishermen were reunited with their families after a month's absence in southern waters. They will return to the area off New York within the week to resume mackerel fishing. The seiners which sailed since Saturday are the Serafina II., the Alicia, the Marietta and Mary, and Linta.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Gov. Al Smith, via Boston, 5000 lbs. mixed fish.

Annie and Josephine, trawling, 6000 lbs. cod.

Helen Louise, trawling, 3000 lbs. cod.  
Minerva, trawling, 4500 lbs. cod.  
Helen L., trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.  
White Star, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.  
Helen, trawling, 1200 lbs. cod.  
Grace A., trawling, 6000 lbs. cod.  
Elcano, trawling, 2500 lbs. cod.  
Little Joe, dragging, 2500 lbs. flounders.

Francis C., dragging, 5000 lbs. mixed fish, mostly flounders.

Margaret D., via Cape May, seining.  
Nova Julia, via Cape May, seining.

12,000 lbs. large mackerel.

Steven M., trawling, 700 lbs. cod.  
C6696, trawling, 1300 lbs. cod.

Two Sisters, trawling, 1200 lbs. cod.  
Nephthys, trawling, 3200 lbs. cod.

Ripple, trawling, 1200 lbs. cod.  
Ardella, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.

Col. Lindbergh, via Norfolk to fit for swordfishing.

Plymouth Rock, trawling, 6000 lbs. cod.

Agnes and Myrtle, 2000 lbs. cod.  
Eliza C. Riggs, 1500 lbs. cod.

Nashawena, 1500 lbs. cod.  
Liboria C., 1500 lbs. cod.

**Saturday's Gill Net Receipts.**

Phyllis A., 7000 lbs. haddock.  
Virginia and Joan, 5000 lbs. cod.

Naomi Bruce II., 5000 lbs. cod.  
Edna Fae, 5000 lbs. cod.

Enterprise, 5000 lbs. cod.  
Elizabeth and James, 4000 lbs. haddock.

C. A. Meister, 4000 lbs. cod.  
Agnes and Myrtle, 3000 lbs. cod.

Lucretia, 3000 lbs. cod.  
Mary A., 2500 lbs. cod.

Eliza C. Riggs, 1800 lbs. cod.  
Liboria C., 1500 lbs. cod.

Nashawena, 1500 lbs. cod.  
Myrtle and Gladys, 1000 lbs. cod.

### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

#### Arrived.

C. G. Cutter Ossipee, via Boston.  
C. G. Destroyer Wellborn C. Wood, cruising.

#### Sailed.

Serafina II, mackerel seining.  
Alicia, mackerel seining.  
Marietta and Mary, mackerel seining.  
Linta, mackerel seining.  
Nova Julia, Boston.

## THIRTY-TWO IN BOSTON FLEET

**THREE SMALL SEINING FARES  
INCLUDED—HEAVY GROUND-  
FISH RECEIPTS.**

Thirty-two craft were tied up at the Boston Fish Pier this morning when the bell rang for the Monday morning opening. Most of them had heavy fares. Three brought small lots of fresh mackerel.

Total receipts were 825,000 pounds of groundfish, 400,000 pounds of mixed fish and 25,000 pounds of fresh mackerel. Groundfish prices were low with haddock at \$1.50 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2. to \$2.50, and markets, \$1.50 to \$2. Mackerel were lots higher at 7.75 to 7.8 cents per pound.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Winthrop, 45,000 haddock, 55,000 cod, 35,000 mixed fish.

Str. Newton, 45,000 haddock, 38,000 cod, 36,000 mixed fish.

Str. Cornell, 38,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 41,000 mixed fish.

Str. Maine, 60,000 haddock, 49,000 cod, 53,000 mixed fish.

Str. Ripple, 53,000 haddock, 31,500 cod, 40,000 mixed fish.

Milton, 18,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 8500 mixed fish.

Marie and Winnifred, 36,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.

Venture II., 63,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 33,000 mixed fish.

Leonora C., 30,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.

Alvan T. Fuller, 60,000 haddock, 17,000 mixed fish.

Waltham II., 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 9500 mixed fish.

Mary E., O'Hara, 76,000 scrod, 27,000 cod, 1200 mixed fish.

Lillian, 3500 haddock, 1700 cod, 1000 hake.

Mary W., 10,000 mackerel.  
Nova Julia, 10,000 mackerel.

Three Sisters, 5000 mackerel.  
Eddie and Lulu M., 8000 mixed fish.

Hope Leslie, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Annie and Josie, 4500 mixed fish.

Anna Guarino, 2400 mixed fish.  
Rosie P., 11,700 mixed fish.

Joseph D'Ambrosio, 9000 mixed fish.

Lawrence Scola, 5600 mixer fish.  
Bessie, 2800 mixed fish.

Marie D. S., 2200 mixed fish.  
Two Pals, 7000 mixed fish.

Charles M. Fauci III., 4000 mixed fish.

Mary G., 6400 mixed fish.  
Josie II., 4500 mixed fish.

Sarah M., 2200 mixed fish.  
Rosie, 5300 mixed fish.

Francesca, 4100 mixed fish.  
St. Joseph, 5000 mixed fish.

Mariana, 5700 mixed fish.  
Isabella, 1900 mixed fish.

Maria Concetta, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Lucy, 2400 mixed fish.

Carmella, 3100 mixed fish.  
St. Providence, 4300 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, 75 cents; cusk, \$1.60; gray sole, 1 1-2 cents to 2 cents per lb; lemon sole, 3 cents; black backs, 1 1-2 cents; yellow tails, 1 cent to 1 1-2 cents; mackerel, 7.75 cents to 7.80 cents; catfish, 1 cent to 1 1-4 cents per lb.

### SAVE BIG INDUSTRY.

**CAPE COD OYSTER** fishermen are busy just now planting thousands of bushels of "seed" oysters. A few days ago, 2600 bushels of the miniature shellfish were received at State Harbor in Chatham, and 2800 bushels more are coming. The sale of beer has caused an increased demand for oysters, it is said.

### State Expended \$18,500 to Exterminate Enemy of Scallop Crop.

For a total expenditure of \$18,000 by the state and interested towns, the Massachusetts \$2,000,000 scallop industry—which was threatened with extinction by the menace of millions of starfish within the past few weeks—has been saved, assuring more than 1299 wage-earners a livelihood.

Supervisor Howes and Ernest W. Barnes, marine biologist, had charge of the war against the starfish. About 60 boats took part in the campaign. They have practically rid the sea bed off-shore from starfish, so that seed scallops are already showing up in areas once infested with starfish.

Last summer vast areas of millions of starfish were located in deep waters by Biologist Barnes and his assistants. A study of them revealed that they moved off shore into deep water when warm weather came, and in cooler weather came into shoal areas in enormous numbers and settled down on the scallop beds.

The scallop fishermen, manned their boats and went after the stars, dredging them up by the millions. The result, fishermen predict, is that this year's crop will be the best seen for several seasons past. Experienced fishermen in Wareham alone believe that in that town, where last year's crop brought in but \$2000, the catch next fall will be worth in the vicinity of \$75,000.

A bill to continue the warfare has been passed by the Legislature. It provides \$15,000 for this year's battle, and the towns along the coastline where scalloping is carried on already have appropriated \$4100 toward their share of the work.

The starfish are bought at 15 to 35 cents per bushel, according to the distance from shore the scallop beds are located, and so thick were the stars when the suppression work was begun that 3348 bushels were gathered in one day, more than 43 tons. The stars average about 500 to the bushel, although the small ones have often averaged more than 1000 to the quart.

### Coast Guard Sailings.

CG cutter Ossipee, Portland, Me.  
CG, destroyer Wellborn C. Wood.

### On the Ways.

Seiners Santana D. and Carlo and Vence are on Parkhurst's marine railways, the former for painting and the latter for repairing a leak.  
The Gertrude Parker is on Rocky Neck railways for a general overhauling.

### Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—Few herring in nets. Ice available. No vessels in port.  
Halifax—Ten thousand pounds frozen herring available.  
Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.  
Lockport—Two hundred fifty thousand pounds frozen herring available.  
Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available.

North Sydney—About 150 barrels bait available. Another trapnet being set. Plenty ice available. Five schooners in port. Two sailed and two more arrived.

Port Hawkesbury—No bait.  
Queensport—About 150 barrels herring, mostly in traps. No vessels in port.

St. Anns—One hundred fifty barrels herring sold but of three traps.  
Shelburne—Seventy thousand pounds frozen herring available.  
Yarmouth—Plenty frozen bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Pleasant Bay clear of ice. Ice and bait available at Amherst, Grindstone and Point Basse.

## HALIFAX SEES LITTLE HOPE FOR LOOSENING FISH TARIFF

Under the caption, "Not Much Hope There," the Halifax Herald printed the following editorial on the prospect of lowering the tariff on Canadian fish:

The arrival back in Gloucester of the sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud from her Washington "pilgrimage," was made the occasion of a great demonstration, according to dispatches from the Massachusetts fishing port. The prevailing opinion, dispatches say, was that the expedition "was opportune and put over at the right moment"—when the Canadian Prime Minister was arriving in the United States capital to confer with President-Roosevelt "regarding the lowering of trade barriers."

"One of the most important" of these considerations, the Gloucester report adds, was "the lowering of the tariff on Canadian fish imported into this country (U. S. A.) which the interests here say means 'ruination' to the local fishermen."

The people living along the United States Atlantic seaboard regarded the Gloucester deputation to Washington as a contest with Canada in the trade negotiations now in progress, and are vigorous in their demands that there be no lowering of the United States tariff against Canadian fish.

In these circumstances, it is just as well for the people of this country to face the facts. The fishermen of this Province should be informed of what is going on, and there should be no attempt to hold out false hopes of increased markets in that direction. A certain type of politician may go barnstorming up and down the country talking about "reciprocity"

and that sort of thing, but it is an entirely different matter when such determined opposition to lower fish tariffs is met with in the United States itself. It is plain enough that fishing interests and fishermen of the Eastern states will fight to the last ditch against reciprocal arrangements with Canada at this time.

## GROUND FISH IN GOOD SUPPLY AT BOSTON PIER

Groundfish have been in good supply at the Boston fish pier and prices ruled low. Good catches of fish have been landed from Brown's bank. For the week ending May 4 there were 118 arrivals at the Hub with 6,251,500 pounds of fresh fish as compared with 87 arrivals and receipts of 4,205,700 pounds in the same week of 1932.

The total was divided as follows:  
1933—3,426,400 pounds of haddock;  
732,700 pounds of large cod; 729,700 pounds of market cod; 1,362,700 pounds of mixed fish.  
1932—2,225,600 pounds of haddock;  
491,200 pounds of large cod; 436,800 pounds of market cod; 1,052,100 pounds of mixed fish.

### Receipts Ahead.

From January 1 to date there have been 2013 arrivals with 76,201,700 pounds of fresh fish as compared with 1917 arrivals and receipts of 74,319,702 pounds in the corresponding period of 1932.

Every man aboard the mackerel seiner Angle and Vence has shared \$140 thus far, while the boat's stock is about \$3000. Capt. Matt Moceri and his men left for the south April 14 and arrived back in port Saturday morning, direct from Cape May. Capt. Matt says that their last catch was taken about 25 miles southeast of Atlantic City, New Jersey. Their total catch was 79,000 pounds in four trips. The craft will return south sometime this week, meeting the mackerel near New York.

The seiner Carlo and Vence also came home Saturday direct from the south, and will remain here for a week until the "second darks" appear. Capt. Benjamin Favazza is the skipper, and in five trips caught 138,000 pounds.

Skipper Leo Favalora rounded the point yesterday morning in the mackerel seiner Nova Julia, with 12,000 pounds of good-sized mackerel in the holds of the trim-looking craft, and last night moved on to Boston to get the market this morning. With all these boats in and around Harbor Cove over the weekend, the massed spars gave the Fort a busy aspect, while the families of the fishermen were happy to greet the men-folks again after a month's absence.

Squibs' prayer has been answered, for someone has seen and spoken Skipper Rufus McKay, the man who taught the famous Ethel Barrymore how to speak Yankee fluently. Capt. Rufe is in New York port, in command of a tugboat, so they tell this columnist, and Capt. John Nelson who is one of the crew of the Sebastiano C., mackerel seiner, says that he was talking with Rufe last week when the seiner dropped into New York.

Capt. Charlie Nelson, skipper of the Sebastiano C., brought her down from Boston Saturday, and was scheduled to return today. The crew shared \$110, so they tell Squibs, the vessel making four reported trips with a total of 70,000 pounds.

Nor is activity so quiet down to Walen's wharf where "Charlie" McPhee and his lobster boat, 546-C got together the other day and began another season of catching the choice table favorite in and around Gloucester harbor and beyond. Charlie had the lighter put the lobster boat overboard Friday and also the good-sized lobster car in which the critters are parked as they are brought in from the ocean. Incidentally Charlie's boat, Neithys, of which Capt. "Lem" Barnes is skipper, will haul out of the trawling fisheries the last of this month and change over to swordfishing.

Here's another sample of how the old-time fishermen used to while away the hours to the mackerel schools: "Sammy Hatch and Sammy Joe, Sim McLoud and old Ephe Snow; Waiting for the whistler's groan; And up astern came Eddie Doane". The whistler's groan is the racket made by the dismal noises of the bells warning the boats of danger points in the ocean, bellowing out their messages of stay-away while the fog blankets the sea.

Speaking of those melancholy refrains of bell-buoys, it seems to Squibs that the government could replace them by something more lyrical so as not to scare the daylighters out of some rookie fisherman who finds himself on his first voyage to the banks and in the panic of imagination as to what might happen to him and the boat in such a fog when the groan of the whistler almost separated him from his oilskins. And then again . . .

Another arrival is Capt. Reuben Cameron, who has been stationed at Wildwood, New Jersey, representing the John Nagle interests there. He returned home Saturday, also.

The dragger Col. Lindbergh returned from the south this morning, and will remain until the swordfishing fleet gets underway when Capt. Harry Clattenberg will again assume command of his craft, relieving his son, Ralph, who has been acting skipper for over a month.

Sailing for the New York area after the mackerel which are moving north, went the seiners Marietta and Mary, Capt. Nick Giamanco, and the Linta, Capt. Joe Frontiero, yesterday afternoon, while Saturday night, the seiners Serafina II., Capt. Joe Chianciola, and the Alicia, Capt. Joe Piscatello, left the dock headed for the mackerel grounds.

Squibs welcomes Capt. Benjamin Curcurru back to the waterfront and to his post as manager of the Producers Fish company of the Fort. Capt. Benny has been at Cape May and Wildwood, New Jersey, taking care of the interests of his company there, and arrived back here Saturday afternoon.

It was the schooner Hesperus which sailed the springish seas to Georges and stocked \$2400 on her recent halibut trip with Capt. Robertson Giffen at the wheel, so Squibs is informed, while the crew shared \$31 each for their two week's labors. "Strings" will get underway some time this week.

### SQUIBS.

The first netters to catch mackerel in sch. Actor, Capt. Frank Nolan, which arrived in New York today with 160 bloater mackerel, getting them off Barnegat where Capt. Nolan and six other netters are fishing.